IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

STATE OF MARYLAND : NO. CIOCR23.602 CRIMINAL

: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

V. : FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

: DC NO: D-111-CR-23-001270

JOEL PAUL CHRISTENSEN : TRACKING NO: 236343003234

: AGENCY: FCSO

PRESENTMENT

GRAND JURY OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

FEBRUARY TERM 2023

COUNT 1- CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PROMOTE/DISTRIBUTE

The Grand Jurors of the State of Maryland for the body of Frederick County, do on their oaths and affirmations present that Joel Paul Christensen, on or about November 23, 2022, in Frederick County, Maryland, did knowingly distribute a colored video approximately 10 seconds in length depicting a prepubescent male reasonably believed to be under the age of 16 based on his physical body size and lack of pubic hair. The video is focused on the anus and the male inserting his finger into the anus, that depicts a minor engaged as a subject in sexual conduct; contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State. (Criminal Law 11 207 (a)(4)) *CJIS Code: 1 0300*

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the male performing inserting a penis into his mouth and performing fellatio. The file depicts a minor engaged as a subject in sexual conduct; contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State. (Criminal Law 11 207 (a)(4)) CJIS Code: 1 0300

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COUNT 4 – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PROMOTE/DISTRIBUTE

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COUNT 8 – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PROMOTE/DISTRIBUTE

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<u>COUNT 9 – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PROMOTE/DISTRIBUTE</u>

And, the Jurors aforesaid, do on their oaths and affirmations present that Joel Paul Christensen, on or about February 22, 2023, in Frederick County, Maryland, did knowingly distribute a video that's approximately one minute and four seconds in length depicts a prepubescent male based on his physical body size and lack of pubic hair. The video depicts the male moving his hand in an up-and-down motion on his penis, masturbating. The file which depicts a minor engaged as a subject in a sexual conduct; contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State. (Criminal Law 11 207 (a)(4)) CJIS Code: 1 0300

COUNT 10 - CHILD PORNOGRAPHY PROMOTE/DISTRIBUTE

And, the Jurors aforesaid, do on their oaths and affirmations present that Joel Paul Christensen, on or about March 11, 2023, in Frederick County, Maryland, did knowingly distribute a video that is approximately one minute and forty-five seconds in length depicts a prepubescent male based on his physical size and lack of pubic hair. The video is focused on the penis, while the male moves his hand in an up-and-down motion on the penis, masturbating. The file depicts a minor engaged as a subject in sexual conduct; contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State. (Criminal Law 11 207 (a)(4)) CJIS Code: 1 0300

<u>COUNT 11 – POSSE</u>SS CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

And, the Jurors aforesaid, do on their oaths and affirmations present that Joel Paul Christensen, on or about March 11, 2023, in Frederick County, Maryland, did knowingly possess and a file, to wit: a colored video approximately 18 seconds in length. The video depicts a prepubescent female infant, reasonably believed to be an infant sitting on the waist of a naked male. The video depicts the male putting his penis on the infant's vagina and moving it back and forth. The file depicts an individual under 16 years of age engaged in sexual conduct; contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State. (Criminal Law 11 208) *CJIS Code: 1 1756*

COUNT 12 - POSSESS CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

And, the Jurors aforesaid, do on their oaths and affirmations present that Joel Paul Christensen, on or about March 11, 2023, in Frederick County, Maryland, did knowingly possess and intentionally retained a file, to wit: a colored video is approximately 23 seconds in length. The video depicts an infant sleeping with a male ejaculating on the infant's mouth. The file depicts an

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And, the Jurors aforesaid, do on their oaths and affirmations present that Joel Paul Christensen, on or about March 11, 2023, in Frederick County, Maryland, did knowingly possess a film, to wit: a colored video is approximately 37 seconds in length depicting a newborn-aged baby, with a male's penis in the video. The male is observed ejaculating onto the newborn's mouth. The file depicts an individual under 16 years of age engaged in sexual conduct; contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the State. (Criminal Law 11 208) *CJIS Code: 1 1756*

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Identification Sheet

NAME: Joel Paul Christensen

INCARCERATED: FCADC, 7300 Marcie's Choice Lane, Frederick, MD 21704

LKA: 6824 Running Springs Court, Frederick, MD 21703

Race: White

Sex: Male

DOB: 12/13/1980

Hair: Blonde

Eyes: Blue

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 280

SCARS/IDENTIFYING MARKS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<u>AKA</u>:

EMPLOYER:

ALERTS/CAUTIONS:

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

- 1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
- 2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
- 3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
 - 4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
 - 5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
- a. explaining the charges in this paper;
- b. telling you the possible penalties;
- c. helping you at trial;
 - d. helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - e. helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
 - 6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
 - 7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under rule 4-216.1 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. The court clerk will tell you how to contact the Public Defender.
 - 8. If you want a lawyer, but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
 - 9. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER. If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.